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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2002, enclosed is an amendment in  
the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

<u>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</u>					
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2002.  
Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and the  
accompanying remarks.

**In the Claims**

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Amended) A method of performing maintenance on a network access server  
having associated channels, the network access server being operatively coupled with a  
service request switch, the method comprising:

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determining whether off-line maintenance is needed on a network access server and if  
so then communicating a busy condition of any unused associated channel from the network  
access server to the service request switch;

monitoring any used associated channel and waiting until the used associated channel  
becomes substantially unused;

when the used associated channel becomes substantially unused, communicating a  
busy condition of such then-unused channel from the network access server to the service